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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on the following eight non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: European Regional Industrial Development Organization (ERIDO), European Union of Public Relations (EUPR), Forum Francophone des Affaires (FFA), International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), International Institute of Applied Technologies (IIAT), Jeunes Entreprises/Junior Achievement Afrique, Soroptimist International (SI) and Support Centre for Food Development (SCFD).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on eight international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on each NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the applications of, and information on, the eight NGOs annexed to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (ERIDO)

Historical background

Established under Belgian Law in April 1990, with the main objective of providing a platform for the exchange of ideas and initiatives on the subject of regional economic development between the authorities of the European countries.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly
Board of Directors
Steering Committee
Resident Director

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Organizing conferences and seminars;

(b) Sponsoring research projects and publications;

(c) Carrying out all other activities conducive to furthering the science of industrial location and regional economic development.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Economic Commission for Europe.

Relations with NGOs

European Business and Innovation Centre Network.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Individuals representing economic development agencies, industrial, service and trade corporations in Europe and other regions.

Address of headquarters

Leopoldstraat 99
2800 Mechelen, Belgium
Tel.: 32 1542-38-20, Fax: 32 1542-36-19

EUROPEAN UNION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS (EUPR)

Historical background

Established in 1971 in Brussels through collaboration of consultants in public relations from European and non-European countries with the objective to promote public relations and marketing relating to professional activities with particular emphasis to promote industrial, economic and social development in developing and industrialized countries.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies

President
General Secretary
Foreign Relations and Coordinating Manager
Board of Directors
Auditors Board
General Assembly

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Market research in industrial and artisanal productions, raw materials, industrial cooperation;

(b) Organization of meetings in the fields of agriculture, construction, medicine, consumer products, technologies and finance.

Relations with the United Nations and other international organizations

Consultative status with Economic and Social Council. The organization enjoyed consultative status with UNIDO from 1976 to 1984.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Affiliates in 14 countries world-wide.

Address of headquarters

Via del Ronco 13/c
Centro Commerciale Europa
39100 Bolzano
Italy
Tel. and Fax: (0471) 200612

FORUM FRANCOPHONE DES AFFAIRES (FFA)

Historical background

Established in 1987 at Quebec, Canada, composed of national committees which regroup national enterprises and entities. Its main objective is to develop the exchange of commercial, industrial and technological activities with special emphasis on French-speaking countries and enhance cooperation among its members.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Conference
International Office
International Secretariat

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Identification, formulation, selection and promotion of industrial, technical, commercial or financial partnerships among enterprises. This includes visits to the enterprises, selection of projects, identification of potential partners and assistance in establishing contacts among future partners.

(b) Preparation and organization of business forums;

(c) Organization of training courses at the enterprise level resulting from the creation of new partnerships.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank.

Relations with NGOs

Chambers of commerce and industry.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

National Committees consisting of national enterprises in 24 countries.

Address of headquarters

Secretariat international
380, rue Saint-Antoine Ouest
Bureau 5200
Montreal, Canada H2Y 3X7
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Fax: (514) 987-1257

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING (IFIP)

Historical background

Established in January 1960 as a result of a decision taken at the first International Conference on Information Processing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in Paris, France, June 1959. The main objective is to promote information, science and technology.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly
Executive Board
Council

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Promoting and coordinating the exchange of information on computer applications in technology;

(b) Assisting developing countries in securing optimum benefit from the application of information technology;

(c) Promoting and encouraging the advancement of the field of computer-aided design and its associated topics;

(d) Promoting and encouraging the exchange of ideas and information on current developments in industrial software quality and certification through publications and other means;

(e) Promoting and encouraging the advancement and application of computers in all areas of food production and agriculture and the related ecological and environmental issues that impact upon all aspects of food production;

(f) Investigating existing methods and applications of computer-based technologies to environmental engineering, environmental protection, and environmental research;

(g) Investigating the social implications of computers in developing countries.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee.

Relations with NGOs

Relationships established with private and public, national and international enterprises in 13 countries.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Full members comprise 44 organizations in 65 countries.

Address of headquarters

IFIP Secretariat
16 place Longemalle
CH-1204 Geneva
Switzerland
Tel.: 41 (22) 310 26 49, Fax: 41 (22) 781 23 22

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES (IIAT)

Historical background

Created at a Russian industry and science initiative and founded in 1993 through Belgian Royal Decree. Its objective is to encourage and promote cooperation between the Russian Federation and other nations of the world regarding technology and science, the exchange of innovative ideas for the economic development and the training of people to cope with the modern commercial and technological challenges, and for mastering the methods and techniques of market economies.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

International Management Board
Advisory Council

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

Providing information on the economic and technological realities of the Russian Federation and the developments taking place in these areas in order to facilitate commercial and industrial relations and exchanges.

Supporting planning, establishment and operation of centres for international business and education.

Carry out studies, organize colloquiums, seminars, training courses, conferences.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations, Commission of the European Union.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Corporate, institutional and individual members.

Address of headquarters

International Institute of Applied Technologies
11, rue des Sablons
1000 Brussels, Belgium
Tel.: 32 2 502.89.66
Fax: 32 2 502.89.67

JEUNES ENTREPRISES/JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AFRIQUE

Historical background

Established in 1993 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America, as an affiliate of Junior Achievement International with the objective to train young French-speaking Africans in enterprise development and management.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

Council of Governors
Administrative Council
General Direction

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Training of young French-speaking Africans in enterprise development and management as well as partnership development;

(b) Promoting management and entrepreneurship as a basis for education in French-speaking African countries;

(c) Promoting entrepreneurship development of young women as well as of rural and urban young population;

(d) Developing and assisting small and medium-sized enterprise development;

(e) Providing training programmes, seminars and colloquiums for entrepreneurship development and management.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund, European Union, African Union, African Development Bank, Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, United States Agency for International Development, British Overseas Development Administration.

Relations with NGOs

European Foundation for the Development of Management (Belgium), Belgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Le Merite International de la Jeunesse, Fonds Ivoirien de Développement et d'Investissement.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Active, ordinary and associate members.

Address of headquarters and regional office

2780 Janitell Road
Colorado Springs, USA, 80906
Tel.: (719) 540-6300, Fax: (719) 540-6303

Regional office:

06 P.O. Box 545
Abidjan
06 Côte d'Ivoire
Tel.: 41-18-52, Fax: 41-06-38

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL (SI)

Historical background

Established in 1921 at Oakland, California, United States of America, for the purpose of advancing international understanding through promoting high ethical standards in business and striving for human rights (in particular to advance the status of women).

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

International Board
National Federations

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

Carries out projects that further economic and social development, especially those dealing with equal employment opportunity, social and economic integration of migrant women and women as entrepreneurs.

Relations with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)

Consultative status Category 1 with the Economic and Social Council; Category B status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; official relations with the World Health Organization; on special list of International Labour Organization.

Relations with NGOs

Soroptimist International Clubs all over the world collaborate in joint projects with many other non-governmental organizations.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Federations in 111 countries/territories.

Address of headquarters

Soroptimist International
87 Glisson Road
Cambridge CB1 2HG
United Kingdom
Tel.: (0223) 311833
Fax: (0223) 467951

SUPPORT CENTRE FOR FOOD DEVELOPMENT (SCFD)

Historical background

Established in 1994 at Yaoundé, Cameroon, to assist and advise the producers and consumers of agricultural products. Its main objective is to act as a focal point between national and international producers and consumers of agricultural products.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

National Coordination
Cortex
Operations Division

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

Assisting producers and consumers of agricultural products through:

(a) Establishing methods of cooperation between the two groups;

(b) Developing production methods that are environmentally friendly;

(c) Creating awareness of recycling and encouraging local initiatives of optimizing the use of environmental resources and production processes;

(d) Coordinating the distribution to managers of information of a technical, legal, social and economic nature.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, European Economic Community, International Fund for Agricultural Development, etc.

Relations with NGOs

Association de Coopération Technique (ACT), OXFAM Belgique, SOS Faim, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Terre des Hommes Deutschland, Zentralschule für Entwicklungshilfe, Fundacion Codespa, Intermon, Monds Unida and several Cameroonian Non-governmental Organizations such as Organisation des Femmes pour l'Auto Dévelopement et l'Action Sociale (OFADAS), Comité Nationale d'Action pour le Droit des Enfants et de la Femme (CADEF), Service d'Appui des Initiatives Locales de Développement (SAILD), Organisation Canadienne pour la Solidarité et le Développement (OSDC), Micro-Projets Productifs en Faveur des Femmes au Cameroun (MPPF/CAM), Cameroon National Association for Family Welfare (CAMNAFAW).

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Individuals (economists, engineers, lawyers, etc.) from various countries.

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Fax.: (23722) 20 61 87